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FOR: COMMUNICATION NODE FOR :  
ENABLING INTERWORKING OF  
NETWORK USING  
REQUEST/RESPONSE BASED DATA  
TRANSFER AND NETWORK USING  
NON-REQUEST/RESPONSE BASED  
DATA TRANSFER

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of December 17, 2007, Applicant respectfully submits the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on pages 2-3 of the Notice of Allowance mailed December 17, 2007, lines 9-20 state:

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding Claims 1-21 and 23-24, prior art of record does not disclose, in single or in combination, serializing transmission by a packet transmission control means for transmission of a plurality of second packets to the second network that refers to the packet information memory unit such that after one second packet is transmitted to second network, a next second packet is not transmitted to the second network until a response packet corresponding to said one second packet is received from second network and a node processing determining means to determine a processing to be executed as either a first processing using a combination of the packet correspondence memory means and the destination node identification means or a second processing using a combination of the packet information memory means and the packet transmission control means in combination with the other limitations of the claims.

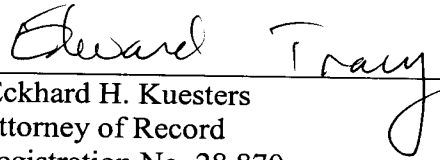
Regarding claim 22, prior art of record does not disclose, in single or in combination, the first network interface for data transfer not based on request and response, second network interface for data transfer not based on request and response, packet conversion processing unit and packet correspondence memory unit in combination with destination node identification unit to identify a destination node on the first network to which a response packet received in response to second packet is to be transferred by referring to correspondence stored in packet correspondence memory unit by using information of response packet at time of receiving packet response packet in combination with other limitations of the claim.

However, it is respectfully noted that none of independent Claims 1, 11, 20-21, and 23-24 include all of the elements recited in the first paragraph above, and Claim 22 does not include all of the elements recited in the second paragraph above. For example, Claim 1 does not recite "node processing determining means." Further, Claim 22 does not recite "packet conversion processing unit and packet correspondence memory unit in combination with destination node identification unit."

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above-quoted statements do not apply to any of independent Claims 1, 11 and 20-24 (and claims dependent therefrom).

Respectfully submitted,

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